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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-3, 6, 11-13, 19-20, 22 and 25-26 are in the present application, of which claims 1, 19, 20 and 26 are independent. Claims 1, 3, 12, 22 and 26 have been amended herein. Applicant respectfully requests that these amendments be entered as the amendments place these claims in a condition for allowance without adding new matter and without requiring a new search. Claims 17, 21 and 23-24 are cancelled herein without prejudice.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the thorough examination of the application and for allowing claims 1, 2, 6, 11, 19, 20 and 25. Applicant also thanks the Examiner for the indication that claim 26 includes allowable subject matter. In view of the amendments and remarks herein, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of claims 3, 12, 13, 22 and 26 in addition to maintaining the allowance of claims 1, 2, 6, 11, 19, 20 and 25.

I. Telephone Interview

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the time and courtesy extended to Applicant's attorney (Jun-Young E. Jeon; Reg. No. 43,693) during the telephone interview of August 9, 2006. During the telephone interview, the statement that "Surface **90** meets that limitation, while surface **91** does not" on page 4 of the Office Action was discussed. During the interview, Applicant's attorney confirmed with the Examiner that there was a clerical error in the statement, and that it should have stated "Surface **91** meets that limitation, while surface **90** does not."

I. Rejection of Claims 3, 12, 13, 17 and 21-24 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, First Paragraph

Claims 3, 12, 13, 17 and 21-24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as allegedly failing to comply with the written description requirement. Since claims 17, 21 and 23-24 are cancelled herein, their rejection is now moot. Applicant has amended claims 3, 12, 13 and 22 herein to overcome the new matter rejection for the purpose of advancing the prosecution of the application without necessarily conceding that these claims contained any new matter. As alleged new matter is deleted from claims 3, 12, 13 (which depends from claim 12) and 22, Applicant requests that the rejection of claims 3, 12, 13 and 22 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, be withdrawn.

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II. Rejection of Claims 12, 13, 24 and 26 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, Second Paragraph

Claims 12, 13, 24 and 26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for allegedly failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter of the invention. Since the claim 24 is cancelled herein, the rejection of claim 24 is now moot. Claims 12 and 26 are amended to overcome the rejection. Applicant does not believe that there is a need to amend claim 13, as this claim was rejected as depending from claim 12 (prior to the claim 12 amendment). Therefore, Applicant requests that the rejection of claims 12, 13 and 26 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, be withdrawn.

III. Allowance of Claims 1, 2, 6, 11, 19, 20 and 25

Applicant once again thanks the Examiner for the allowance of claims 1, 2, 6, 11, 19, 20 and 25. Claim 1 was amended herein slightly without adversely affecting its patentability. Therefore, Applicant requests that the allowance of claim 1 be maintained. Applicant also requests that the allowance of claims 2, 6, 11 and 25, which each depend from claim 1, be maintained as well. Applicant further requests that the allowance of claims 19 and 20 be maintained.

IV. Allowance of Claims 3, 12, 13, 22 that depend from Claim 1

As discussed above, 35 U.S.C. § 112 rejections of these claims have been overcome. Since claims 3, 12, 13 and 22 depend indirectly from claim 1, they each incorporate all the terms and limitations of claim 1 in addition to other limitations, which together further patentably distinguish these claims over the cited references. Therefore, Applicant requests that claims 3, 12, 13 and 22 be allowed.

V. Allowable Claim 26

Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claim 26 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as set forth in the Office Action. As claim 26 has been amended herein to overcome this rejection and

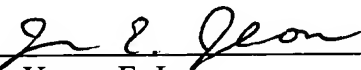
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further amended slightly without requiring a new search, Applicants request that the rejection of claim 26 be withdrawn and that this claim be allowed.

VI. Concluding Remarks

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that claims 1-3, 6, 11-13, 19-20, 22 and 25-26 of the present application are in a condition for allowance. Therefore, Applicant earnestly solicits a timely Notice of Allowance. If there are any remaining issues that can be addressed over the telephone, the Examiner is cordially invited to call Applicant's attorney at the number listed below.

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